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SUBJECT: CHILE'S FOOD SITUATION

DEPT PASS DEPT OF AGRICULTURE

REF: SANTIAGO 4366

1. UNDP REPRESENTATIVE ANSTEE HAD SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING WITH  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE CRESPO, WHO PROVIDED TO HER FOLLOWING  
ESTIMATES OF FOOD DEFICITS BETWEEN NOW AND HARVEST:

- A. WHEAT - 400,000 MT
- B. CORN - 400,000 MT
- C. SUGAR - 250,000 MT
- D. VEGETABLE OIL - 30,000 MT
- E. RICE - 100,000 MT
- F. MEAT - 15,000 MT
- G. MILK - 300,000 MT

CRESPO SAID WHEAT, RICE, AND VEGETABLE OIL REQUIREMENTS

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REPRESENTED COUNTRY'S TOTAL NEEDS SINCE STOCKS THESE ITEMS

VIRTUALLY NIL. HE ALSO TOLD MISS ANSTEE THAT UNSPECIFIED AMOUNTS OF SEEDS WERE NEEDED. UNDP OFFICE HAS CABLED ABOVE INFORMATION TO WORLD FOOD PROGRAM HEADQUARTERS.

2. ACCORDING UNDP OFFICE, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS ESTABLISHED SPECIAL WORKING GROUP WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM MINISTRY, UNDP, FAO AND WFP TO VERIFY AND REVISE FOOD DEFICIT ESTIMATES. WE WILL BE IN CLOSE CONTACT UNDP OFFICE THIS MATTER.

3. COMMENT: UNTIL AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE OFFICE HAS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS FOOD IMPORT REQUIREMENTS IN DEPTH WITH MINAGR, ECA, AND OTHER OFFICIALS, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE VERIFY ABOVE STATED IMPORT REQUIREMENTS. WHEAT FIGURE APPEARS TO REPRESENT IMPORT REQUIREMENT FOR BALANCE CY 73 AND WOULD REQUIRE ACCELERATED SHIPMENT OF PREVIOUSLY CONTRACTED PURCHASE FROM U.S. FOR ARRIVAL BY END DECEMBER PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 70-80,000 MT (SEPT-EL) TO MAKE UP FOR EXPECTED LOSS OF SHIPMENTS FROM RUSSIA, BULGARIA AND PERHAPS EAST GERMANY. FIGURES FOR CORN (FEED GRAINS), SUGAR, VEGETABLE OIL AND RICE APPEAR TO BE TOAL IMPORT REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN NOW AND APRIL 1, 1974. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE SOME OF THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE ALREADY IN PIPELINE, BUT UNABLE TO QUANTIFY AT THIS TIME. WE BELIEVE GOC ALREADY PRUCHASED 6600 MT MEAT AND VEAL FROM ARGENTINA AND 3000 MT LAMB AND MUTTON FROM NEW ZEALAND, THUS REMAINING UNCOVERED ABOUT 5000 MT. JORGE DAVID HAS RECENTLY GONE TO MENDOZA, ARGENTINA TO TRY TO BUY MORE MEAT AND PERHAPS BUTTER. WE QUESTION MILK FIGURE SINCE RECENT ANNUAL IMPORTS HAVE BEEN ABOUT 50,000 MT.  
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